



### CHARACTERISTICS OF MIGRANTS AGED 18 YEARS AND OVER AT TIME OF ARRIVAL AND WHO ARRIVED AFTER 1960, AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1984 PRELIMINARY

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#### MAIN FEATURES

**NOTE:** *Survey estimates are subject to sampling variability as explained in paragraph 12 below.*

2,931,400 persons in Australia in March 1984 were born overseas and of these 1,283,000 (44 per cent) arrived after 1960 and were aged 18 years or more at time of arrival.

Of these 1,283,000 migrants 826,000 (64 per cent) were born in Europe (36 per cent in the United Kingdom). 802,400 migrants (63 per cent) said that their country of last residence was Europe (35 per cent said United Kingdom).

319,500 migrants were sponsored (25 per cent) and of these 202,100 (63 per cent) were sponsored by families already in Australia.

658,900 migrants (51 per cent) had no family in Australia before migrating. Of the 624,000 migrants who had family in Australia only 32,400 migrants (5 per cent) had a husband or wife only.

434,100 migrants had no family arriving in Australia with them. Of the 848,900 migrants who arrived with family 472,200 (56 per cent) arrived with children and a husband or wife.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

##### Introduction

In association with the March 1984 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia, persons were asked whether they were born in Australia, and if not, whether they arrived after 1960 aged 18 years or more. These persons were then asked about members of their family who arrived in Australia with them, family already in Australia, country of last residence and State in which first settled.

2. During the two weeks beginning Monday 12 March 1984 specially trained interviewers asked the questions of those of the 72,000 respondents in the March labour force survey who fell within the scope of this survey.

3. This publication contains only a summary of the results of the survey. Estimates shown are preliminary and may be revised. Further information which will be published as soon as possible is available on request. Results of the only other similar survey which was conducted in March 1980, were published in *Assisted and Unassisted Migrants, Australia, March 1980* (3406.0).

##### Scope

4. The survey includes all persons aged fifteen years and over except:

- (a) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- (b) overseas residents in Australia;
- (c) dependants of non-Australian defence forces personnel stationed in Australia;
- (d) boarding school pupils, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of reformatories, jails, etc.

##### Definitions

5. A *migrant* is a person who was not born in Australia and who was a permanent resident of Australia at the time of the survey. A migrant could be *sponsored* to come to Australia or arrive *unsponsored*.

6. Migrants who were *sponsored* include those who had family already in Australia who filled out papers for that person to come to Australia. These people are considered to have come to Australia under the Family Reunion criteria. Others who were *sponsored* had an employer or some other person or organisation, other than the Australian Government, fill out papers for that person to come to Australia.

7. Migrants who were *unsponsored* include those who came to Australia under special eligibility criteria. This category includes persons who came to Australia as migrants who did not require a visa, or who had some entitlement to come to Australia such as *New Zealanders*. *Refugees* were regarded as *unsponsored* and include any person who came to Australia under a refugee program. Other persons who were *unsponsored* include: persons who applied in their own country to come to Australia; Australians born overseas; persons who came to Australia on a temporary visa, on a working holiday, as a student, etc., and had since gained permanent residence.

8. If a wife arrived in Australia with her husband or within 12 months then the wife was considered to be a *wife accompanying husband*.

9. *Country of last residence* was the country in which that person stated he/she last lived in.

10. *State in which first settled* was the state in which that person first lived for 12 months or more.

11. For *Country of Birth* and *Country of Last Residence*, Africa includes: Egypt, Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Mauritius, South Africa, etc.; America includes: Argentina, Canada, Mexico, United States of America, etc.; Asia includes: China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Malaysia, Philippines, Taiwan, Vietnam, etc.; Europe includes: United Kingdom, Italy, Greece, Germany, France, Poland, Spain, Ukraine, USSR, etc.; Oceania includes: Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, etc.

#### Reliability of the estimates

12. Estimates in this publication are subject to two sources of error:

- (a) *Sampling error*. Since the estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*. More information about this topic will be found in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). A table of estimated standard errors for this survey follows these notes. Estimates with a standard error of more than about 27 per cent have not been shown in this publication, as the degree of sampling variability would seriously detract from their value for most reasonable uses. Although figures for these small components can, in some cases, be derived by subtraction they should not be regarded as reliable.

- (b) *Non-sampling error*. Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in the coding and processing of data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

#### Related publications

13. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)—issued monthly

*Characteristics of Persons Looking for Work, Australia, July 1983* (6222.0)

*Assisted and Unassisted Migrants, Australia, March 1980* (3406.0)

*Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (3401.0)—issued monthly

14. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usage

- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 12 above.  
.. not applicable.

15. Because figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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#### STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (Persons)	Approximate standard error of estimate		Size estimate (Persons)	Approximate standard error of estimate	
	Persons	Per cent of estimate		Persons	Per cent of estimate
3,000	800	26.7	50,000	2,900	5.8
4,000	900	22.5	100,000	3,900	3.9
5,000	1,000	20.0	200,000	5,100	2.6
10,000	1,400	14.0	300,000	6,000	2.0
20,000	2,000	10.0	500,000	7,200	1.4
			1,000,000	9,100	0.9

**TABLE 1. NON INSTITUTIONALISED CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, MARCH 1984**

	Number ('000)			Percent of total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	5,678.9	5,827.8	11,506.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Born in Australia	4,161.6	4,413.7	8,575.2	73.3	75.7	74.5
Born outside Australia	1,517.3	1,414.1	2,931.4	26.7	24.3	25.5
Migrants who arrived in or before 1960	597.4	511.2	1,108.6	10.5	8.8	9.6
Migrants who arrived after 1960 aged less than 18 years	275.7	264.2	539.9	4.9	4.5	4.7
Migrants who arrived after 1960 aged 18 years or more	644.2	638.7	1,283.0	11.3	11.0	11.2
Country of birth						
Africa	24.4	21.3	45.7	0.4	0.4	0.4
America	26.7	23.8	50.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Asia	117.0	126.7	243.8	2.1	2.2	2.1
Europe	420.3	405.9	826.2	7.4	7.0	7.2
United Kingdom	235.0	227.1	462.1	4.1	3.9	4.0
Oceania	55.7	60.9	116.7	1.0	1.0	1.0

**TABLE 2. MIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA AFTER 1960 AGED 18 YEARS OR MORE : EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND MIGRATION CATEGORY, MARCH 1984 ('000)**

Migration Category	Employed			Unem- ployed	In the labour force	Not in the labour force	Unemploy- ment rate	Partici- pation rate	
	Full-time	Part-time	Total						
MALES									
Sponsored by:									
Family	82.9	*	84.4	13.3	97.7	27.8	125.4	13.6	77.9
Employer	39.2	*	39.5	3.0	42.5	*	45.4	7.0	93.5
Other organisation	36.2	*	37.6	5.4	43.0	6.2	49.3	12.6	87.3
Un-sponsored:									
New Zealander	52.3	*	55.1	5.0	60.0	*	62.7	8.3	95.7
Refugee	25.1	*	26.2	10.3	36.5	5.8	42.3	28.2	86.3
Other	246.7	7.0	253.7	26.7	280.4	38.7	319.1	9.5	87.9
Total	482.3	14.1	496.4	63.7	560.1	84.2	644.2	11.4	86.9
FEMALES									
Sponsored by:									
Family	19.7	7.0	26.7	4.3	31.0	45.6	76.6	13.9	40.5
Employer	*	*	*	*	3.1	*	4.8	*	63.6
Other organisation	6.2	3.5	9.7	*	10.2	7.7	17.8	*	56.9
Un-sponsored:									
New Zealander	19.0	5.2	24.2	3.3	27.5	9.6	37.1	12.0	74.2
Refugee	6.5	*	6.6	*	8.7	3.9	12.6	*	69.0
Other	37.6	13.1	50.8	5.8	56.6	41.4	98.0	10.3	57.7
Wife accompanying husband	113.5	63.7	177.2	27.8	205.0	186.6	391.7	13.6	52.3
Total	204.5	93.5	297.9	44.2	342.1	296.6	638.7	12.9	53.6
PERSONS									
Sponsored by:									
Family	102.5	8.5	111.1	17.7	128.7	73.4	202.1	13.7	63.7
Employer	41.1	*	42.2	3.4	45.6	4.7	50.3	7.4	90.6
Other organisation	42.4	4.9	47.4	5.8	53.2	13.9	67.1	11.0	79.2
Un-sponsored:									
New Zealander	71.3	8.0	79.3	8.3	87.6	12.3	99.8	9.4	87.7
Refugee	31.6	*	32.8	12.4	45.2	9.7	54.9	27.4	82.3
Other	284.3	20.1	304.4	32.5	337.0	80.2	417.2	9.7	80.8
Wife accompanying husband	113.5	63.7	177.2	27.8	205.0	186.6	391.7	13.6	52.3
Total	686.8	107.6	794.3	107.8	902.2	380.8	1,283.0	12.0	70.3

**TABLE 3. MIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA AFTER 1960 AGED 18 YEARS OR MORE : COUNTRY OF LAST RESIDENCE AND YEAR OF ARRIVAL, MARCH 1984 ('000)**

Country of last residence	1961-1970	1971-1980	1981-1984	Total
Africa	19.3	27.5	10.7	57.5
America	12.5	37.6	11.5	61.5
Asia	40.3	127.0	57.8	225.2
Europe	465.6	244.7	92.1	802.4
United Kingdom	240.2	154.7	57.1	452.0
Oceania	23.8	76.1	36.5	136.4
Total	561.5	512.9	208.6	1,283.0

**TABLE 4. SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS OF MIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA AFTER 1960 AGED 18 YEARS OR MORE, MARCH 1984**  
( ' 000)

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
<i>Age on arrival—</i>			
18-24 years	26.4	33.8	60.2
25-34 years	136.8	157.6	294.4
35-44 years	236.4	205.5	441.9
45-54 years	149.3	130.5	279.8
55-59 years	38.0	37.0	75.1
60-64 years	25.0	27.3	52.4
65 years and over	32.2	47.0	79.2
<i>Year of arrival—</i>			
1961-1970	296.9	264.6	561.5
1971-1980	244.5	268.4	512.9
1981-1984	102.9	105.7	208.6
<i>Family status—</i>			
Member of a family	543.0	563.0	1,106.0
Married family head	507.6	483.0	990.6
with children 0-14 years present	303.5	270.7	574.2
without children 0-14 years present	204.1	212.3	416.4
Not married family head	10.5	45.5	56.0
with children 0-14 years present	3.5	25.6	29.0
without children 0-14 years present	7.0	19.9	26.9
Child of family head	11.2	9.4	20.6
Other relative	13.7	25.2	38.9
Not a member of a family	75.4	51.1	126.5
Living alone	37.1	30.8	67.9
Not living alone	38.2	20.3	58.6
Not coded	25.9	24.6	50.5
<i>Country of last residence—</i>			
Africa	29.0	28.5	57.5
America	32.2	29.3	61.5
Asia	107.9	117.3	225.2
Europe	407.8	394.5	802.4
United Kingdom	228.0	223.9	452.0
Oceania	67.3	69.1	136.4
<i>Family in Australia before migrating—</i>	286.5	337.5	624.0
Children only	25.4	45.6	71.0
Husband/wife only	*	30.3	32.4
Children and husband/wife only	*	*	*
Children and other family only	6.7	11.3	18.0
Husband/wife and other family only	*	14.0	14.9
Children, husband/wife and other family only	*	*	*
Other family only	248.9	234.0	482.9
No family in Australia before migrating	357.7	301.2	658.9
<i>Family arriving with migrant—</i>	384.4	464.5	848.9
Children only	6.1	52.7	58.7
Husband/wife only	83.4	100.5	183.9
Children and husband/wife only	231.0	241.2	472.2
Children and other family only	*	5.8	6.0
Husband/wife and other family only	4.7	4.5	9.2
Children, husband/wife and other family only	14.0	14.0	28.0
Other family only	45.1	45.8	90.9
No family arriving with migrant	259.8	174.3	434.1
<i>State in which first settled—</i>			
Has settled—			
N.S.W.	243.0	235.2	478.2
Vic.	174.8	172.3	347.1
Qld	52.9	56.1	109.0
S.A.	49.6	53.5	103.1
W.A.	74.0	68.6	142.6
Tas.	8.5	6.9	15.4
N.T.	4.3	4.4	8.8
A.C.T.	7.5	8.8	16.2
Has not settled	4.1	*	6.5
Has been in Australia less than 12 months	25.4	30.7	56.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>644.2</b>	<b>638.7</b>	<b>1,283.0</b>